

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award is  
3 presented annually to a person who follows what she or he  
4 believes is the right course of action; the award is named  
5 for President Kennedy's 1957 Pulitzer Prize-winning book,  
6 Profiles in Courage, which recounts the stories of eight U.S.  
7 Senators who risked their careers to fight for what they  
8 believed in; and

9 WHEREAS, Dean Koldenhoven, the one-term Mayor of Palos  
10 Heights, Illinois, condemned religious intolerance in the  
11 community; and

12 WHEREAS, In what many believe was the result of his  
13 decision of conscience to do what he thought was right for  
14 the community, Koldenhoven was defeated in his bid for  
15 reelection on April 3, 2001; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Koldenhoven has been a resident of Palos  
17 Heights for the past 30 years; he was raised on a farm in  
18 Alsip and resided in Garden Homes from 1955 to 1970 and in  
19 Arizona from 1970 to 1972; and

20 WHEREAS, Before he was elected Mayor of Palos Heights in  
21 April 1997, Koldenhoven served as a Republican precinct  
22 captain, as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and as  
23 Zoning Commissioner; a member of Local 21 Bricklayers since  
24 May 1954, Koldenhoven currently is employed as a brick  
25 salesman for Tri-State Brick Company; and

26 WHEREAS, He has been married to Ruth Koldenhoven for 47  
27 years; they are the parents of Linda Riley, Sharon Vallas,  
28 Dean Koldenhoven, and the late Donny Koldenhoven and the  
29 grandparents of Erin Riley, John Riley, Paul Vallas, Dean  
30 Koldenhoven III, Nicholas Koldenhoven, Gus Vallas, Rachel  
31 Koldenhoven, Mark Vallas, Samantha Koldenhoven, and David

1 Koldenhoven; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
4 we congratulate Dean Koldenhoven on being a recipient of the  
5 2002 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award in recognition  
6 of his courage and determination in promoting religious  
7 tolerance in Palos Heights despite the presence of great  
8 adversity; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10 presented to Dean Koldenhoven as an expression of our esteem.